

## HE RAISED A CHECK

Fred Crampton of Ada Arrested for Forgery.

## RAISED ONE CHECK TOO MANY

Four Were Paid by the County Treasurer, but Crampton Was Trapped Yesterday and Confessed.

Fred Crampton of Ada is a forger. Even if Fred did not admit it himself, there would be no doubt about it. He has forged and succeeded in passing at least two orders for sparrow bounty. The great peculiarity about the whole matter is that so palpable a forgery could have passed any one. Besides, the orders were for so large an amount that they would naturally excite suspicion and call for an investigation.

Yesterday Crampton presented an order from Clerk Clark of Ada, stating that he had killed 1,000 sparrows and was entitled to \$10. John Von was at the desk when the order was presented, and he knew very well that the order had been altered. He asked Crampton to wait while he stepped into Clerk Eddy's private office. Mr. Eddy took the order to the treasurer's office to look at it through a glass. He called the treasurer's attention to it, and was told that it was all right. Crampton has been paid several big orders for sparrow bounty. The treasurer said Crampton told him he killed them by putting prussic acid on some wheat and poisoning them. Mr. Eddy then called on the prosecuting attorney and the sheriff.

Crampton Confessed. When he returned and began to question Crampton, the latter asked to see him alone. The others stepped out and then Crampton burst into tears and confessed his guilt. He said he had raised the order for \$10 to \$18 and had the number changed from six to ten to \$100 to correspond. He said he had altered two other checks, one on May 13 for \$30 and one on July 3 for \$18. There are two other checks, one for \$25 and one for \$20.00, which were paid to Crampton. He declares that he was getting and that he did kill the number of sparrows stated in the orders.

Crampton is about 24 years old and been married two years. His slight grish wife was at the Eagle hotel when Deputy Sheriff Cowan took Crampton to see her. She was entirely ignorant of what he had been doing, and was heartbroken at the revelation of his guilt. Crampton's father is a well-to-do farmer living near Ada village and young Crampton has always been a good boy, honest and was supposed to be thoroughly honest and trustworthy.

Held for Trial. He was arraigned in police court at 5 o'clock last evening and was held for trial at the present term of court. His bail was fixed at \$500. The forged papers were not neatly handled, but the signature and part that was re-written were as plainly seen as the paper on which they were written. It is almost beyond belief that such papers could have been paid by the treasurer without detection.

## City News in Brief.

A gospel temperance meeting will be held in Good Templar's hall, McMillen block, at 3:30 p. m., under the auspices of the Royal Templars of Temperance. Address by Rev. James Hamilton, subject, "God's Curse on the Liquor Traffic." Music under the direction of Prof. G. D. Herrick, who has organized a choir of thirty members for the Sunday afternoon meetings.

James E. Wood, second son of Frank and Elizabeth Wood, aged 21, died Saturday morning at his residence No. 63 South Division street of consumption. The funeral will take place Monday at 8 a. m. from St. Andrew's cathedral.

G. W. Howard of Chicago, vice president of the American Railway union, will speak at 3 p. m. today in Riquette's hall, corner of South Division street and Fifth avenue, on matters of interest to railroad men.

Miss Mary Dunn of No. 81 South Division street slipped and fell on the icy sidewalk near the cathedral last night, sustaining a fracture of the right arm. Dr. Groner reduced the fracture.

The Christmas number of the High school periodical, "The Helix," is a very creditable production, the leading article being by Geo. Byron M. Cushman on "Politics as a Career."

Miss Maggie Vancle of No. 22 Shawmut avenue gave a delightful party to her father's residence near Grandville last evening in honor of the 37th birthday of Walter Lansing.

A pleased customer is the best advertisement. Order a suit or trousers and we will please you in price and workmanship. Frank M. Williams, 139 and 141 Monroe street.

The Christmas Review is a very creditable number, filled with good, readable matter. It is illustrated with a number of half-tones of persons residing in this city.

Grand Rapids lodge of Good Templars, No. 814, will celebrate their twentieth anniversary Friday evening, December 22.

Luther Bartwell, colored, was arrested yesterday for assaulting a brother African. He will be tried in police court tomorrow.

The Woman's union prayer meeting will be held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A.

We are prepared to make up ten pair of trousers a day this week. Order early before the new things are all sold. Frank M. Williams, 139 and 141 Monroe.

The Hon. Edwin F. Uhl, assistant secretary of state, arrived in the city yesterday morning to make arrangements to remove his family to Washington.

A meeting of citizens to prepare for a new year's Christmas dinner has been called for 8 o'clock Tuesday evening at the Morton house parlor.

Members of Salvation's union No. 18 are slated at the assurance of the merchants that they will close their places Wednesday evening.

Mayor Stuart, as chairman of the general meeting of the President's society, has reported a total cash collection of \$201.35.

Voigt, Herpolsheimer & Co.'s store will be open evening commencing Monday, December 18, until after Christmas.

A special meeting of Champion post, No. 25 and the Woman's relief corps No. 51 will be held Tuesday evening next.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wood of Chicago are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Brown of Fulton street.

J. L. Brown and Dudley Bonnell returned yesterday from Princeton college for the holidays.

The Michigan Central's portfolio of

photographs of the world's fair has now arrived and can be obtained at the ticket office at the union passenger station.

New lines for the holidays, mufflers, neckwear, gloves and fancy suspenders, Gartner & Baxter.

Dr. and Mrs. Rosema gave a complimentary party Tuesday evening for Miss Nina Mason.

"Let Us All Dance."

EDITOR OF GRAND RAPIDS HERALD: Wednesday evening, December 17, is the night set apart for the grand charity ball to be given at the Morton house. This will be the great society event of the year. A full orchestra, comprised of some of the very best talent procurable, has been engaged. Stimulated by the fact that the proceeds are to be devoted to charity, of which there is greater need at this time than for years before, many of our leading ladies are taking special interest in making the ball a grand financial, as well as social, success. The generosity of the Messrs. Pantland in giving the use of their hostelry and donating refreshments is being appreciated in all quarters. Let us all dance and the music will sound sweeter as while tripping the toe for "charity's sake," when we think of the food, fuel and comforts that our investment in the ball will provide for those now struggling with cold, hunger and misfortune. J. W. K.

## Annual Alumni Banquet.

Arrangements have been made to hold the second annual banquet of the Alumni association of the Grand Rapids high school at the New Livingston hotel Thursday, January 4. The seating capacity of the dining room being limited to 200, only this number of plates will be sold and those wishing tickets should procure them as soon as possible. They will be placed on sale Tuesday at Palmer, Meech & Co.'s, Eaton, Lyon & Co.'s, the Fifth National bank and M. L. Sweet & Co. The price per plate has been fixed at \$1.

## In Another Column.

Detenthaler makes an announcement in another column that is an "astounding" one to say the least. In this advertisement, in a pithy, condensed form, he tells his patrons and the public in general just what they are to find at his establishment during Christmas week. Mr. Detenthaler is making stronger efforts than ever before to secure a display of poultry, game, etc., that will rival any exhibit made in western Michigan, and he has had his lines out for a month past making arrangements and ordering goods. Do not fail to look at his display advertisement, seen in another column.

## The Pleasant Faces.

Will be noticed on the street this week of those who are laden with bundles containing Christmas presents for loved ones. This year people will be more particular to select useful presents. If we can help you in your selection we would advise you to get fine pair of shoes or slippers. We have a large stock of everything in this line and can give you them at any price you wish to pay. And if you desire anything in the shoe line we would be pleased to have you inspect our stock at O'Hara's, No. 72 Canal street.

## Great Fire Sale.

Miller & Middleton's great fire sale is on and their store is crowded daily by throngs of eager buyers. The firm is selling their entire stock of wall paper from 2 cents a roll up, and this great feature is a magnet sufficient to attract thousands of people. The firm is more than desirous of closing out the stock at once, as new invoices are beginning to arrive, and space must be made for their reception. Anyone that anticipates decorating their house should not fail to visit this great fire sale. Store open evenings.

## A Fact to Be Established.

If you are in doubt what to buy for Christmas or if you are wondering who is selling the best goods at the lowest prices, read Corl Knott & Co.'s advertisement in this issue and then go into their store tomorrow and convince yourself that they are selling fancy goods, ribbons, trimmed and untrimmed hats at the lowest prices you ever heard of in Grand Rapids.

## Do Not Delay.

Lovers of sweet confections are advised to place an early order with Roberts, the candy man, No. 30 Monroe street. By doing so the patron can rest assured of a fine assortment. Mr. Roberts' productions are rapidly gaining a reputation of being the best confections in the city and consequently trade has been on the rapid increase since the opening day. Mr. Roberts handles Hayler's bonbons and chocolates.

## Anything You Want.

Travis will make it your object to trade with him. Everything under the sun is sold by him and goods are to be had at the purchaser's price. Great values are given in gloves, both new and second hand. Give Travis' Old Curiosity Shop a call.

Opera glasses, costly bric-a-brac, rich and elegant vases, rare cut glassware, all shown in varied assortments, are some of the features of the J. C. Herkner jewelry company's Christmas display.

Furs for Holiday Gifts. J. W. Dunn & Company.

Christmas Umbrellas at Platt's. They are carrying away from 2 to 6 umbrellas at a time at Platt's, 64 Monroe street.

"TREFOUSSE" The best make of kid gloves at Friedman's.

The line of ladies' fashionable foot wear displayed by J. H. Hagy & Company, 73 Canal street, merits an inspection.

Do not fail to look at the elegant novelties displayed by the Herkner Jewelry company.

Corl Knott & Company's store will be open every evening this week.

Zierleyn & Carsten, 80 Monroe street, are showing an elegant line of novelties in jewelry, silverware, etc., all of which are sold at lowest possible prices. It would be advantageous to anyone seeking a Christmas gift to call on this firm.

No doubt umbrellas are the most acceptable articles that can be found for presentation. See Platt's beautiful stock at 64 Monroe street.

Perfect Fitting Trefousse Kid gloves, reduced prices at Friedman's.

Santa Claus will be at Leonard's all this week. Every child will receive a present.

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KID GLOVES The "Trefousse" special reduction at Friedman's.

## TOOK A HOT DOSE

Timothy Horgan Drinks Carbolio Acid and Dies.

## HE LEFT A COMMUNICATION

It Does Not Explain the Awful Deed. But Hints at Some Hidden Trouble. He is Said to be Insane.

Timothy Horgan, a member of the Railway Trackmen's association, drank about four ounces of carbolio acid yesterday morning, in a room at No. 90 Canal street. His death must have been almost instantaneous, for the whole interior of his throat and mouth were terribly burned by the fluid.

Friday morning Horgan applied to Mrs. John Clemens, who lets furnished rooms at No. 60 Canal street, and wished to rent a room. They did not agree regarding the price, and he went away, saying he would return if he concluded to take it. Yesterday morning he came back and took a room at \$1.25 for the week. He told Mrs. Clemens he did not want a room longer than a week, for he did not think his job would last more than that time. He handed her \$5 in paying for the room, and was given the change. He called to the waiter, stating that he did not wish to be disturbed, as he had been out to a dance and wished to sleep.

About 10:30 a. m. the mocking bird hanging in a cage near the door, was heard to make a strange choking noise, and Mrs. Clemens looked out to see what troubled the bird. She opened the door of her room, she detected sounds which her bird was evidently attempting to imitate, coming from room No. 13. She notified Mrs. Clemens, and J. Oliver, who rooms near by, was called.

He looked over the transom and saw Horgan's hands clutching the air for a moment. Then the man assumed a natural position, his head turned slightly to one side and Mr. Oliver he had all the appearance of a man sleeping. Nothing more was thought about him until 1:30 p. m., when Mrs. Clemens called the police. Sergeant Webb, Officer Mooney and a reporter for THE HERALD were soon on the scene and forced the door of No. 13. Horgan lay in bed in a natural attitude, but his eyes were staring wide open, the chin had fallen and he presented an awful spectacle. A half pint bottle, which had contained carbolio acid, sat on the floor near the head of the bed, but one-quarter of the contents was gone.

Sergeant Webb searched the dead man's clothes and found \$3.65 in silver, a card in the Railroad Trackmen's union, a dance program for the 15th men's ball given in Simmons' hall Friday evening, an admission card to St. Andrew's school entertainment to be given Christmas and a sealed letter. The letter was opened and was as follows:

## This May Explain It.

GRAND RAPIDS, Dec. 15, 1893.—Tommy, call for note at Miller's, claiming note for \$7 thirty-seven dollars. I am innocent, but seeing that I am accused there is no way of getting out of it without charging somebody else. Send this note to Mr. R. E. Wright, Gates Co., Knights Lodge, Cal.

There was also a letter written in a very smooth hand addressed to "Tim Horgan" and signed by Ben F. Wright of Knights Lodge. The letter stated that the writer had enclosed a money order for \$25 as part payment of a note, and promising to pay the rest as soon as possible.

All of Horgan's clothes were comfortable and warm, and had been carefully placed on a chair near the center of the room. He has a brother working near the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee junction. Coroner Loebner was notified and the body was removed to O'Brien's morgue on Ottawa street.

Horgan came here from California about four months ago. He had an attack of typhoid fever shortly afterwards, and since that time he has not seemed right in his head. It is stated that he has not worked a day since he came back from California. He formerly lived here and worked for the G. & R. L. as a section hand. It is believed to be the case of an insane man. He was 32 years old and single.

Think They Know Him. It is stated by the police that some time ago a man giving the same name rushed into headquarters and said he had been robbed of \$500. He explained that he had just come from California and had brought with him \$500 in express money orders. He had cashed one of them, but the \$500 had been stolen from him. On investigation it was found that Horgan had been on a spree and that a friend had taken the orders to keep them for him until he got second hand. Give Travis' Old Curiosity Shop a call.

The Modern Mother Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant laxative, Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is most agreeable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

For the Holiday Trade. Benjamin Boge & Company, 89 Monroe street, was never better equipped with holiday goods than this season. This enterprising firm made unusual efforts to secure the finest display ever made by them, and it is superfluous to add that the firm has far exceeded even their most sanguine expectations. In goods for the holiday trade, underwear, clothing, etc., the firm is showing a large and varied line, all novelties in every respect. Speakers for suitable Christmas presents should not fail to look over the line of goods displayed by Benjamin Boge & Company. The best feature of all, however, is the great variety of sale this firm is conducting. It has been running for a number of days and is a great success. Purchasers should not fail to remember that each article acquired this week is sold at a quarter off.

Novelties for Christmas at Harvey's, 10 Canal Street.

Harvey, the old reliable jeweler, 10 Canal street, is particularly proud of the display of novelties he is making this season; it is par excellence. His stock is a large one and embraces elegant novelties in watches, opera glasses, silverware, etc., and all about the season. Christmas is one week away, and no one should delay in making a selection of a gift. Call at Harvey's.

Great Crows. What a gala day it was yesterday for the children. God bless 'em, they all have read of Santa Claus, and when it is announced that he will hold receptions at certain places, he is always sure to be visited by great crowds of children.

Santa Claus this year is holding receptions at the stores of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea company, No. 108 Monroe street, and his first reception was given yesterday. It is needless to say that thousands of children and a sprinkling of older folks was in attendance. All this week he will give away to all the firm's customers a handsome parcel, "Baby's First Christmas."

## HERE TO DO BUSINESS.

Another Great Sale of Meats This Week. Cut Rates Prices.

Once more will the Western Beef & Provision company come to the front with a great, a stupendous meat sale, and once more will there be, great rejoicing in thousands of homes in Grand Rapids. The populace have become familiar with this firm's wonderful meat sales and receive them now as a matter of fact. As a consequence, when the announcements referring to these events are made, much figuring is done by the mechanic and laborer, and he goes not singly, but by the hundreds, to the firm's headquarters and orders a heavy supply of meat. The one about to be inaugurated, dates of which will be announced later, has been named the Christmas meat sale. It is a sort of holiday affair and the Western Beef & Provision company in placing meats before the public at low prices as will prevail do so with the feeling that a great benefit is being done and that even the most humble can enjoy a grand, glorious, old time Christmas dinner. Tons of turkey, chickens, ducks, fowls of all kinds will be included in this sale. The Western Beef & Provision company don't propose to be intimidated by anyone and are here to do business, and business they will do, even though the prices offered bring consternation to the stellar lights in this particular business. Look out for future announcements.

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Opera glasses, watches, jewelry of all kinds, all suitable for Christmas presents, at R. D. Carsten's, 44 Canal street.

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BEAUTIFUL PICTURES An elegant line, framed or unframed at Harvey & Hoyle's company.

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Look over our prices of upholstered furniture. Birge, 109 South Division street.

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Go to Julius A. J. Friedrich's for your musical instruments. Select your Christmas gift of this gentleman, he will make it to your advantage.

Large, complete stock of imported Japanese goods that will be sold below cost. Japanese Bazaar, 134 Monroe street.

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Wave Crest Ware Handkerchief and Jewel Boxes.

Atomizers. Large variety, all prices.

Celluloid. Combs, Brushes and Mirrors.

Silver. Combs, Brushes and Mirrors.

Cut Glass Bottles. All sizes and kinds.

Novelties. Many kinds for Christmas. All goods sold at reasonable prices.

WHITE & WHITE 90 Monroe St. Open all night.

## Ladies:

If you buy his present at The Giant you may be sure it's the right thing. While some houses did not make their usual holiday purchases this year we went right on buying and as a result we show a newer, brighter, more complete line than ever before.

Here's a little suggestion list:

Neckwear, Gloves, Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, Jewelry, Collars and Cuffs, Hosiers, Underwear, Night Robes, Sweaters, White and Colored Shirts, Trousers, Suits, Overcoats.

N. B.—We closed out 50 dozen Neckwear from Mayer, Travis & Co., of New York last week, which was made to sell at 75c and \$1.00. We have placed them on sale at 50c, thus enabling us to show the best line of 50c Neckwear in the market.

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THE "GRIP" Can You Pick It Out!

Again Epidemic—It Means Another Long Succession of Catarrhal Troubles.

No epidemic ever affected the membranes lining the nose, throat and lungs like the so-called Grip. Thousands of people who were previously healthy, after an attack of the influenza, found themselves affected with catarrh, bronchitis or asthma. Dr. Rankin has cured hundreds of these cases. A notable case is that of Mr. C. B. Wilbur, a respected resident of this city and connected with E. S. Morris.

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